



Strategy Committee  
Green Mountain Transit  
101 Queen City Park Road, Burlington, VT 05401  
March 9, 2020

Commissioner Buermann  
Commissioner Holland  
Commissioner Pouech  
Jon Moore, Interim General Manager  
Jamie Smith, Director of Marketing and Planning  
Chris Damiani, Transit Planner  
Milia Bell, Marketing Coordinator  
Nick Foss, Director of Finance

**Open Meeting:**

Commissioner Buermann opened the meeting at 8:34AM

**Adjustments:**

None

**Approval of Committee minutes:**

Commissioner Pouech made motion to approve the minutes with the corrected spelling of his name, Commissioner Holland second. All in favor and the motion carried.

**Route Naming and Headsign Display Discussion:**

Commissioner Buermann discussed an email sent to the board by a local business owner. Mr. Moore gave a brief history regarding this topic, noting that GMT changed a number of stop names years ago due to this same issue. Mrs. Smith noted that the new Service Guidelines document will include information about route naming and stop names.

**FY21 Service Changes Process:**

Mrs. Smith gave an update on the service change process and the schedule of public hearings. Mr. Moore noted that GMT may still provide service on the US2 midday trip. All service changes will be presented to the Board of Commissioners in April for final approval.

**Low-No E-Bus Application:**

Mr. Moore gave an update on the FTA \$130 million Low-No grants available. In addition, Mr. Moore gave a brief update on some maintenance challenges with the new electric buses. Proterra has been on-site and responsive to the issues with the new bus. Mr. Moore said Burlington Electric Department contacted GMT to partner on another electric bus purchase. Mr. Moore went through his local match document to outline the potential impacts on the capital budget (none). If GMT is awarded the grant, we would



need a capital budget amendment. The grant application is due the day before the board meeting, Mr. Moore is seeking guidance from Strategy whether we proceed with the application.

Commissioner Pouech asked if additional electric buses would require more charging infrastructure? Mr. Moore noted that GMT would need a cord and some additional electrical work to add a charging station in the garage, but the infrastructure could easily support the additional vehicle.

Commissioner Pouech supports the plan to move forward with the grant application prior to the board meeting. Commissioner Buermann noted that GMT should always have an option to back out of a grant application without being penalized.

Commissioner Pouech made a motion to support the application for the Low-no grant funds to purchase one additional electric bus, Commissioner Holland seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore went over the battery lease document outlining the impacts to the operational budget over the life of the bus. The lease option would cost the agency more over time than purchasing the battery outright.

**Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner Holland asked about the St. Albans LINK Express changes and if GMT would continue to test the state park and ride in St. Albans. Mr. Damiani said the Planning staff is still working on that plan; the change not part of the service modifications being explored for April.

**Next Meeting Date:**

May 11, 2020 at 8:30AM

**Adjourn:**

Commissioner Pouech made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Holland seconded. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:24AM.